



## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Office of the Secretary

### Fiscal Year 2021 Raw Cane Sugar Tariff-Rate Quota Increase and Extension of the Entry Period

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (the Secretary) is providing notice of an increase in the fiscal year (FY) 2021 raw cane sugar tariff-rate quota (TRQ) of 90,100 metric tons raw value (MTRV) and an extension of the TRQ entry period.

**DATES:** Applicable: [Insert date published in the Federal Register].

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On July 9, 2020, the Secretary established the FY 2021 TRQ for raw cane sugar at 1,117,195 MTRV, the minimum to which the United States is committed under the World Trade Organization (WTO) Uruguay Round Agreements. Pursuant to Additional U.S. Note 5 to Chapter 17 of the U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) and Section 359k of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, the Secretary has authority to modify the raw and refined sugar WTO TRQs. The Secretary gives notice today of an increase in the quantity of raw cane sugar eligible to enter at the lower rate of duty during FY 2021 by 90,100 MTRV. The conversion factor is 1 metric ton raw value equals 1.10231125 short tons raw value. With this

increase, the overall FY 2021 raw sugar TRQ is now 1,207,295 MTRV. Raw cane sugar under this quota must be accompanied by a certificate for quota eligibility. The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) will allocate this increase among supplying countries and customs areas.

The Secretary also today announces that all sugar entering the United States under the FY 2021 raw sugar TRQ will be permitted to enter U.S. Customs territory through October 31, 2021, a month later than the usual last entry date. Additional U.S. Note 5(a)(iv) of Chapter 17 of the HTS provides: “(iv) Sugar entering the United States during a quota period established under this note may be charged to the previous or subsequent quota period with the written approval of the Secretary.”

These actions are being taken after a determination that additional supplies of raw cane sugar are required in the U.S. market. USDA will closely monitor stocks, consumption, imports and all sugar market and program variables on an ongoing basis and may make further program adjustments during FY 2021 if needed.

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